GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:9
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ANTI-NATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON INDO-NEPAL BORDER
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding anti-national activities on Indo-Nepal Border appearing in the `Navbharat Times` dated December 28, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the `No man`s land` has been encroached upon and the Government have not taken any action in this regard;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the concrete action taken by the Government so far to check its serious repercussions and curb the ISI activities being carried out along the Indo-Nepal border ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 9 due for answer on 26th February, 2002

(a) & (b): The Government has seen the news item. The open Indo-Nepal border is being exploited by the ISI for militant/subversive activities in India. The recent upsurge of Maoist violence in Nepal is also a cause for concern in view of its possible fallout on the internal security scenario of our country.

(c) & (d): There are reports of encroachment along certain stretches of `No man`s Land`. However, both countries are aware of this problem. There is a bilateral mechanism of Joint Technical Level Boundary Committee (JTC), to co-ordinate work and resolve issues of mutual concern. This committee is already seized of this problem.

(e) : Home Secretary Level Talks between the two countries are held from time to time and there is also a Joint Working Group with representatives of both countries which discusses various issues, including ISI activities, for their resolution. Government has also adopted a well co-ordinated multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening of Border Management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, neutralising plans of ISI by intelligence based operations, setting up outposts of security forces and modernisation and upgradation of Police and security forces with sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. Deployment of the Special Service Bureau has also been undertaken along selected stretches of the Indo-Nepal border.